

DIARY NOTES

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1. Emmett Echols was in to protest the charge of \$881.88 which Visual Aids has levied against the Office of Personnel for one poster which they made for the Fund Drive. I didn't know that this system of charging back to cost centers was in effect but think that it is probably a good idea. However, we should find out why they charged \$881.88 for one simple poster which probably took no more than a couple of hours to make.

25X1A1a 2. Alan Warfield, 25X1A9a [REDACTED] briefed me on our current ordnance stockpile and procurement situation. We have approximately [REDACTED] worth of ordnance around the world with approximately [REDACTED] in shortages which theoretically should be procured. Actually, however, I think that it should not be necessary to procure more than a very small portion of this amount, perhaps not more than half a million dollars' worth. Part of this could be obtained through our [REDACTED] program. I emphasized to them that we should not dispose of these stocks simply because they are excess. In fact, there is quite a difference between "excess" and "surplus." We should particularly watch for an attempt by the [REDACTED] or any other component to coerce us into selling "excess" property in order to obtain dollars. If they have a project which is really worthwhile, they can come up with the dollars, and by and large, the only way we can keep going is to charge people for what they get whether or not it is "excess."

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25X1A2g 3. I talked to Alan Warfield briefly about Project 25X1A2a [REDACTED] and emphasized to him that we must have a facility or capability for covert procurement of the kind which [REDACTED] has been doing. I believe that he thinks he can provide such a facility at a considerable saving in money and some saving in manpower. I told him that I would certainly be willing to consider any proposals which he has but that he must not divest himself of the capability to do this kind of job.

4. Matt Baird telephoned about the following items:

a. He inquired about the status of the [REDACTED] case. I told him that I regretted very much that we could not grant a waiver of requirements in this instance and that I had discussed the matter with Mr. Kirkpatrick, Larry Houston, and Dr. Tietjen before reaching this decision.

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b. I also talked with Matt about four JOT's who have been detailed to the Contact Division of the Office of Operations, DD/I, with the expectation that they would be taken on their rolls permanently. The Contact Division now says that they cannot take these people now, although this is already overdue, and that they see no prospect of taking them at any time in the future because of ceiling limitations. I told Matt that I would like to put this matter on the back burner until after the first of the year, at which time I should like to talk with him and Paul Borel about this specific problem and later with Mr. Kirkpatrick about the general situation.

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5. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning General Carter reported on a conversation he had about 10 p.m. last night with Mr. Fubini of the Department of Defense. Mr. Fubini speculated that some of the problems between the Agency and the Department of Defense about NRO probably would not be confronted until Mr. McCone's replacement was on board. Mr. McCone said that he thought this was probably correct, that he had not been in communication with Secretary McNamara on this subject, and that he thought this was exactly the game they were playing. Since they can't agree with Mr. McCone, they expect to reach an agreement with his successor. The significance of this discussion was that I, as well as everyone else around the table, took this as the first confirmation, even though indirect, of Mr. McCone's actual departure.

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25X1A9a 7. Emmett Echols was in to talk to me about supergrades in the Office of Logistics. While he recognized the validity of the principle which Alan Warfield is trying to establish, he recommended against upgrading these jobs at this time because of the average grade problems confronting us in general. At the same time he wanted to assure the Office of Logistics that the Office of Personnel would be most sympathetic toward individual situations. However, the Office of Personnel is opposed to upgrading George [REDACTED] job to grade GS-16. I asked Emmett to send me a short note summarizing his position. In this connection, he thought that we should probably make another survey of our supergrade structure before too long. Many changes have been made since the last survey, and sometime within the next several months we probably should bring this back into proper balance since the Bureau of the Budget now requires us to count our Scientific Pay Scale positions against the supergrade ceiling.

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